



April 26, 2012

Ex Parte Notice

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

In re: PS 11-153

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to a voluntary request by Commission staff for technical information from RIM, on Wednesday, April 25, 2012, the undersigned, joined by Praveen Goyal, Vice President Public Policy, on behalf of Research In Motion Ltd. ("RIM"), conducted a phone conversation with Patrick Donovan of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau and Henning Schulzrinne, Chief Technology Officer. During the conversation, RIM presented the following technical information regarding the potential use of SMS on BlackBerry smartphones to reach Public Safety Answering Points:

1. BlackBerry smartphones sold to carrier customers in the last three years adhere to global standards for SMS as requested and supported by our wireless operator customers. Currently, this includes support for the 5 or 6 digit short codes registered in the U.S. by Neustar, and support for other short code lengths as managed and implemented in other geographic regions around the world.
2. In the event customers attempt to send an SMS message on a BlackBerry smartphone to a short code that is not registered or that does not meet the short code policies for a given region, the mobile terminal returns a "Short message transfer rejected" error message and marks the unsent message visually with an "X".

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, this letter is being electronically filed with your office. If you have any questions regarding this submission, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s/ David Dougall

David J. Dougall
Director, Accessibility & Sustainability